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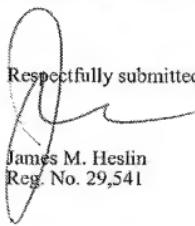
**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT and
ELECTION OF SPECIES**

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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on November 13, 2006,
Applicants respectfully elect to initially prosecute claims 1-30 of Group I, without traverse.
Applicants further elect Species a(ii) (Figs. 4A-4C) and designate claims 1-15 and 23-30 as
reading on the elected species.

Respectfully submitted,


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